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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Like the Model T Ford you see in the photo, TJC was also born in 1926.

Since that Model T rolled off the assembly line, innovation, imagination and technology have propelled automobiles into the future, causing them to go farther and faster, and to evolve into the high-tech machines we're driving today.

TJC has also changed with the times.

What began with 93 students and nine faculty members is now a beautiful, 137-acre campus with more than 11,500 students and 600 faculty members, 120-plus degrees and certificates, nationally ranked athletics, and arts programs that are on par with any you'll find anywhere.

The articles in this issue provide a terrific summary of where we are today and why we owe a huge debt of gratitude to those who came before us and laid the foundation for so much progress, pride and promise.

With 90 years under our belt, we're off to a great start; but we still have many miles to go.

Our future only gets brighter from here, and we can't wait to show you what comes next.

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President, Tyler Junior College

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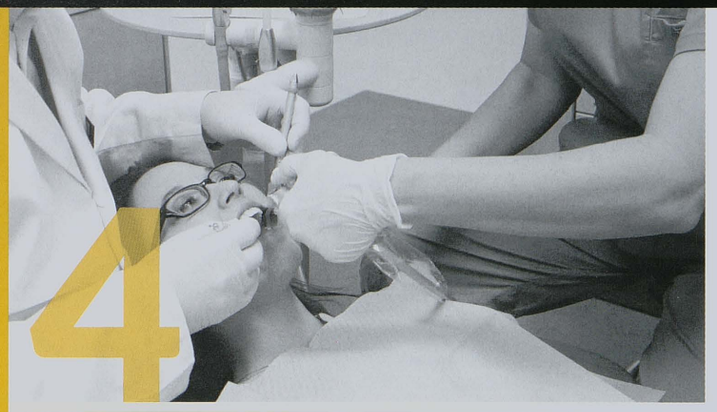

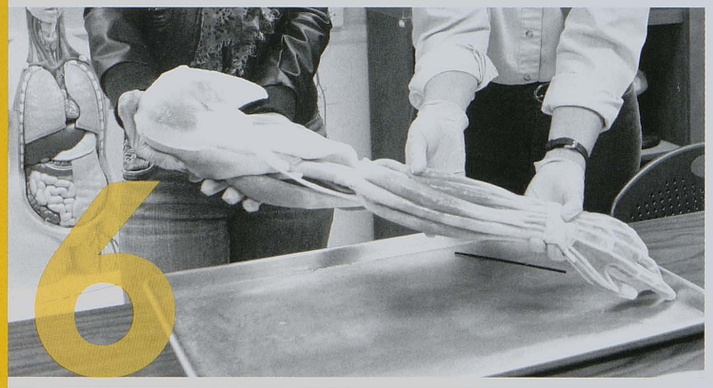

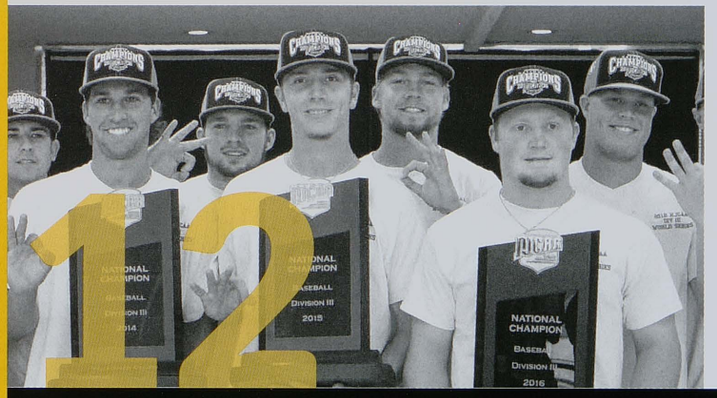

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DID YOU KNOW...

In 2016, TJC was named one of the nation's top
150 community colleges
(of more than 1,100)
by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program.

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TOP 150
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TJC NOW OFFERS BACHELOR'S DEGREE

For the first time in its 90-year history, TJC offers a Bachelor of Science degree that will provide dental hygiene graduates with new opportunities for professional growth, ranging from education and administration to research and public health.

In December, TJC advanced from a Level I institution of higher education to Level II. The designation was made by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges, which provides accreditation for institutions of higher learning.

Level II status means TJC has the same level of staff and procedures required of four-year institutions.

"Our professors, library services and financial standards all meet the same criteria required of colleges that award baccalaureate degrees," TJC President Dr. Mike Metke said.

TOP 10 DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

#1 General Studies

#2 Nursing

#3 Business Administration and Management

#4 Health and Medical Administrative Services

#5 Criminal Justice

#6 Visual Communications

#7 Computer Science and Computer Information Systems

#8 Automotive Technology

#9 Psychology

#10 Emergency Medical Services Professions

21,945

Number of degrees and certificates awarded from 2006-2016.

"So, you can come to TJC and receive the same high quality education you'd get at a four-year college, but you'll pay community college prices. That's a win for everyone."

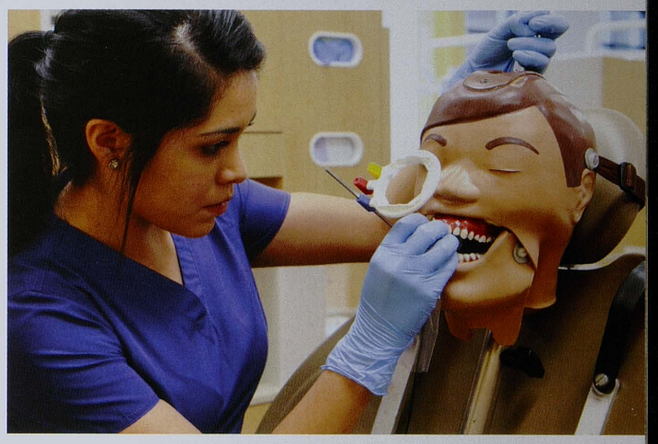
Metke said the process for Level II designation was due to the Texas Legislature's approval of a baccalaureate degree for TJC in dental hygiene. The required degree for this field, a bachelor's degree in science, means TJC is the first and only community or junior college in Texas authorized to offer a Bachelor of Science degree.

Currently, only three other community colleges in Texas have Level II status: Brazosport College (located 254 miles from Tyler), Midland College (428 miles) and South Texas College (539 miles).

TJC began offering the degree in the fall 2016 semester, with an inaugural class of 15 students.

Students choose a one- or two-year track, depending on how far along they are in their studies and how quickly they want to move through the program.

"The degree opens opportunities for those in the field to advance themselves professionally," said Carrie Hobbs, TJC dental studies department chair. "More



research is being performed in dentistry, and researchers must have a bachelor's degree or higher. Also, educators are required to have at least a four-year degree to teach at the college level."

Ultimately, the new degree is a win for the students, for TJC and for the dental health of East Texans, said Tyler dentist Dr. Paul Latta.

"TJC has always produced extremely competent and qualified dental hygienists, and now this program will give their graduates the opportunity to enter academia or other health-related fields," Latta said. "This program will attract the best and brightest candidates to Tyler for their dental hygiene education."

For more information, go to www.tjc.edu/dental.

TJC has a long history of providing world-class health education, from the first graduating class at the Texas Eastern School of Nursing to today's students at the Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Dr. Ott especially enjoys when her students come back to visit and share their successes in school and life after TJC. "I had one student who started out in a one-year technical certificate program. I could see his potential and one day told him he could go further, even to graduate school if he wanted. One day, several years later, he was in the hall waiting for me and he said, 'I wonder if you remember what you told me all those years ago. I'm now finishing my doctorate in physiology from Johns Hopkins University.' That was something special for me."

The way it 'Ott' to be

For TJC biology professor Betsy Ott, nothing is more rewarding than to see the light bulb go off in a student.

"When you share a field you love with someone who may or may not share your passion, and you see him or her go, 'I get it,' it's very rewarding," says Dr. Ott, who has taught anatomy and physiology and biology at TJC for more than three decades. She was named the 2016 Honorary Member of the National Association of Biology Teachers, the organization's highest honor.

A course in biology as a senior in high school sparked her own interest in the subject. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from the University of Alabama. In 1982, she moved to Tyler and began teaching summer school, starting a 33-year career at TJC. She later received a doctoral degree in forestry from Stephen F. Austin State University with a research area of biodiversity in plantation understory.

Mindful Mastery

Dr. Ott's teaching philosophy centers on "mindful mastery," giving students a sense of control over their own learning while providing a mental map for making connections. One of her primary goals is to equip all students with the habit of looking at evidence and the ability to logically analyze all aspects of any argument, whether based in science or in life at large.

She believes a smaller school offers great educational value because of the attention she can give to her students. "We have one goal at TJC, to help our students do the very best they can."

Today, she's proud to call some former students her TJC colleagues.

"It's a real rush to have students years later join you as competent professional colleagues," she said.

PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

"I'm from Center and attended TJC in 1984 after making the cheerleading squad. Besides the fun experience I had as a cheerleader, I liked the smaller campus experience. It gave me an opportunity to juggle school, work and cheerleading without being overwhelmed. The experience matured me quite a bit and enabled me to earn a solid GPA to transfer to Texas A&M. So, when our family moved back to East Texas after living out of state for the past 14 years, I immediately thought of TJC as a school for my children. Katie was accepted into the honors program and works as a biology lab assistant, and JP made the TJC baseball team. TJC is a great option for parents looking to save money and give their children a great college experience that prepares them for a larger, four-year school."

Rusty Gorby

Hard work takes Stratton Hibbs from TJC to Oxford University

Tyler Junior College can help you get where you want to go – even if where you want to go is Oxford University.

In addition to his work as a standout student at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler, Stratton Hibbs took dual-credit classes at TJC, simultaneously earning college credits while in high school.

He was also active in high school choir, orchestra and the debate team; and he earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America.

Since dual-credit students are also considered full-fledged TJC students, Hibbs also distinguished himself academically by being inducted into TJC's Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Alpha Omicron chapter faculty adviser Gigi Delk said, "Stratton was a very involved dual-credit student at TJC. His father, Billy Hibbs, was the Alpha Omicron chapter president during his time here; and I know he is certainly proud that Stratton followed in his TJC footsteps.

"Stratton was also the first student to ever nominate a dual-credit professor, Keith Showen, for a Phi Theta Kappa STAR professor award in fall 2015. Previously, this honor had only been awarded to on-campus professors."

Showen teaches dual-credit English literature and composition, and he is also the English department chair at Robert E. Lee.

As a high school student, Hibbs refined his love of the classics and set his sights on Oxford University; but, to make his dream a reality, he knew it would require passing through a gauntlet of entrance examinations and interviews.

Hibbs was successful in his quest and is now in his first year at Oxford University's Colleges of Somerville and Worcester, where he's pursuing his degree in Roman classics.

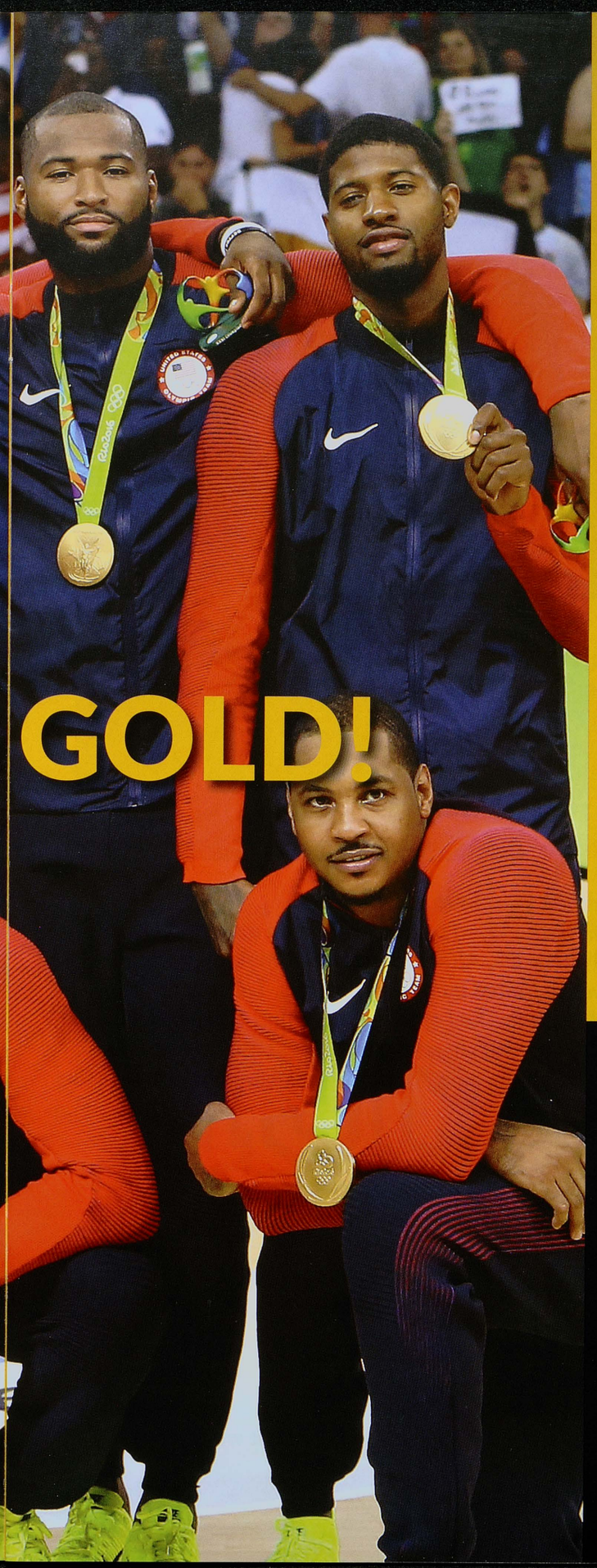
"The college community is very proud of Stratton, the entire Hibbs family, and the educators from East Texas who have been a part of this great achievement," said Dr. Juan E. Mejia, TJC provost and vice president for academic and student affairs.

TJC President Dr. Mike Metke said, "Students like Stratton make us look good; but the fact is, his success is all due to his diligence and hard work to be the best he can be. We're so proud to have been a part of what we know will be a bright future for Stratton.

"TJC is a terrific starting point for anyone, no matter where you set your sights."

Stratton Hibbs (standing), with his father, Billy Hibbs.

TJC's JIMMY BUTLER WINS



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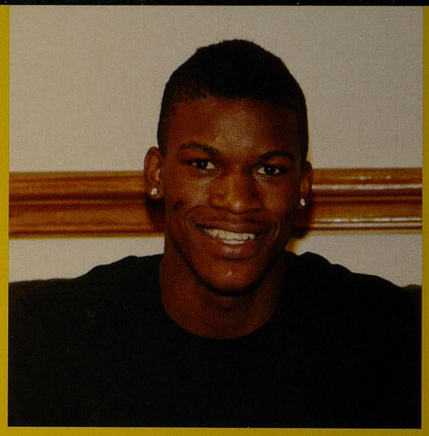


When TJC alumnus Jimmy Butler won gold (a TJC first!) as a member of the U.S. Men's Olympic Basketball Team in Rio last year, it wasn't a surprise for TJC head basketball coach Mike Marquis. He recognized the young player's potential for greatness back in 2007 when he invited the overlooked high school recruit to TJC for a visit. "I fell in love with his personality, and after watching him play," Marquis said. "I realized that not only was he a great person, he was a wonderful talent."

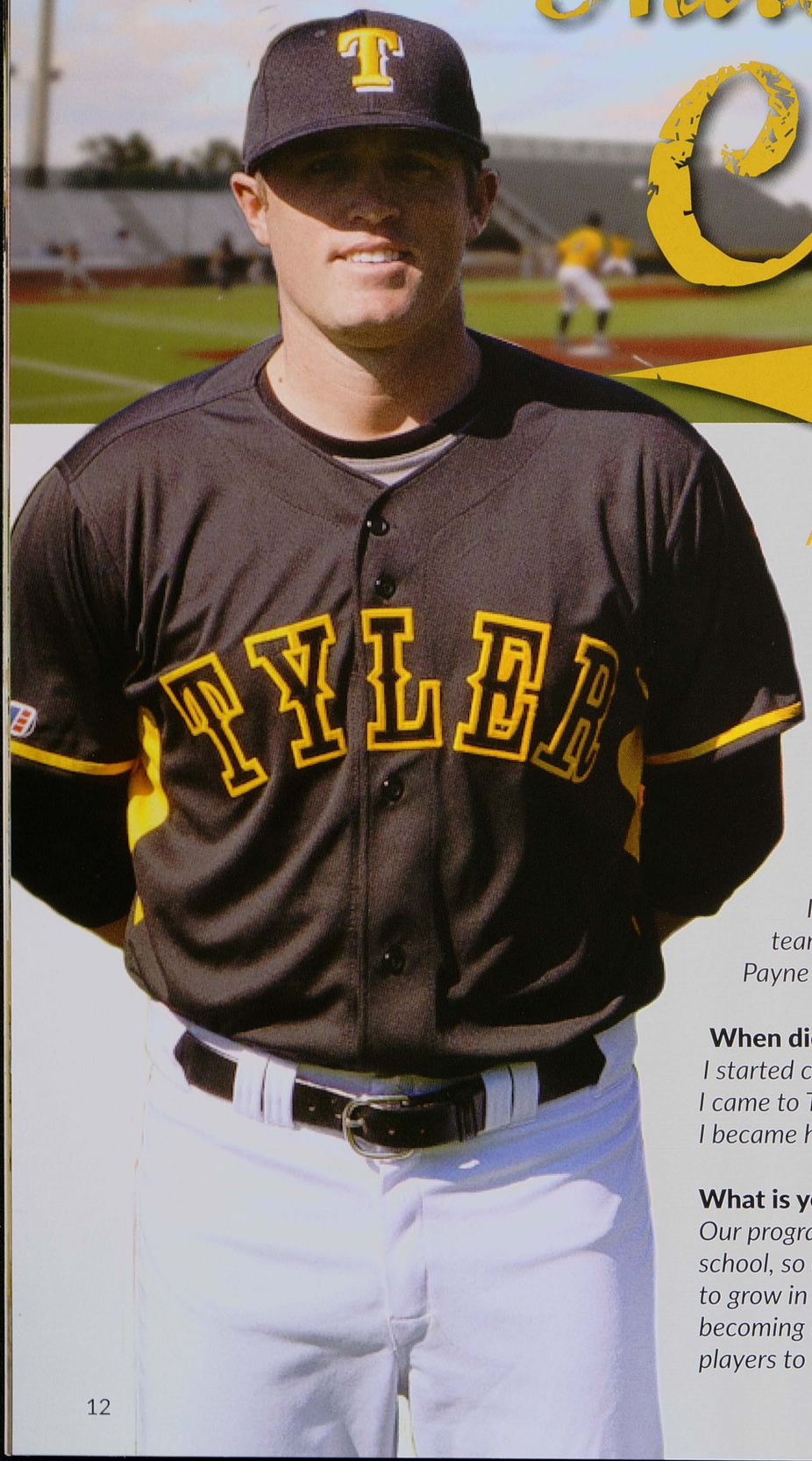
While Butler played power center on his Tomball High School team, Marquis moved him to the perimeter and Butler's career took off. "Jimmy led us in scoring, with 19 points a game. He was the team leader. With his work ethic and ability to communicate with others, he immediately rose to the forefront of our team." That year, TJC won the regular season title. The next year, Butler went on to play for Marquette University and in 2011 was drafted in the first round by the Chicago Bulls, who had been watching him for several years at the suggestion of Coach Marquis.

Butler's Olympic gold-medal win is a source of great pride for his former coach. "We've had a lot of players go on to be successful. With Jimmy, you could just see his potential for greatness. It's so much fun to see the level of greatness he's reached."

NOTABLE ATHLETIC TJC ALUMNI

Jimmy Butler, NBA - Chicago Bulls
Robert Pack, NBA - New Orleans Pelicans assistant coach
Immanuel McElroy, German Basketball League - Science City Jena
Dom Dwyer, MLS - Sporting Kansas City
Oneil Fisher, MLS - Seattle Sounders
Brenton Griffiths, MLS - Various Teams
Mitch Berger, NFL - Various Teams
Dominic Rhodes, NFL - Indianapolis Colts
Richard Collier, NFL - Jacksonville Jaguars
Johnny Knox, NFL - Chicago Bears
Clyde Gates, NFL - Tennessee Titans
Phillip Blake, Canadian Football League - Montreal Alouettes
Ciara Slayton, Swedish Soccer League - Ostersunds DFF
Davide Somma, MLS - Various Teams

Third time's the Charm



And for TJC Head Baseball Coach Doug Wren, the first and second times were pretty great, too. Wren is the head coach of the TJC Apache baseball team that earlier this year won the national championship for an unprecedented third year in a row – and fourth overall. Apache magazine sat down with Coach Wren to discuss the team's success.

Share a little bit about your love of the game.

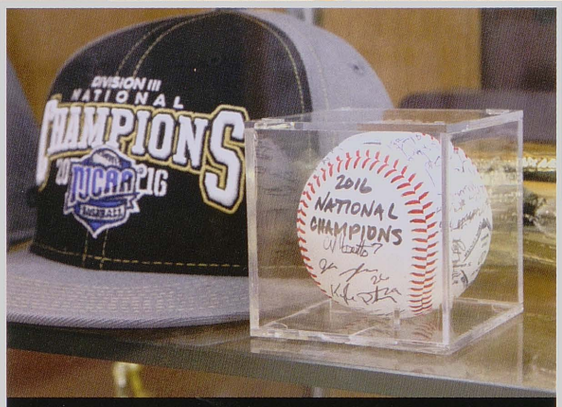
My grandpa and dad both played baseball. It's been a tradition in the family, and I played all my life. After graduating from Arlington High School in 2001, I was recruited by several colleges. TJC was my last stop that summer. I loved the feel of the campus and Tyler as a town. It seemed like a good fit. I played shortstop and third base for the TJC team from 2001 to 2003 before finishing my college career at Howard Payne University in 2006.

When did you start coaching?

I started coaching at Weatherford College as an assistant for a year. In 2008, I came to TJC as an assistant coach under John Groth. When he stepped down, I became head coach in 2010.

What is your coaching philosophy?

Our program is a development opportunity. Our guys are coming into a two-year school, so our goal is to develop and move them to the next level. We want them to grow in a lot of different aspects, from their baseball skills to the classroom to becoming a responsible adult. We have a motto here on staff that we want our players to be different when they leave here.



The TJC athletics program has brought home 54 national titles since 1949.

What goes into making a championship team?

It's a mindset more than anything. We talk about making championship decisions, whether it's getting up on time, eating the right things, going to class and being present and then working at practice to get better each and every day. We've been blessed with talented baseball players. All that combined creates the right mindset for winning ballgames.

What do you tell your players before games?

Trust who you are as a player and the work you've put in. Our players work as hard as they can during the week, so when the opportunity comes on game day, I want them to fully trust the preparation.

What does it feel like to be a three-peat champion?

It's pretty surreal. When we get together each August, we talk about winning a national championship, and we put the time and work into doing that. To do that three times in a row is not easy, and it's a testament to the guys and the work they put into it.

Do you have a memorable moment from this last season?

At the very first practice in the spring, the team got together at center field. I told them to look at the empty seats in the stadium and to close their eyes and visualize playing for the national championship and the stands packed with people. As a coach, you try to create a vision for your guys. Fast-forward to May, we made it to the World Series and national championship game. We had a two-and-a-half hour rain delay. After the storm passed, we had the opportunity as a team to be at center field again to see the stands full. We were looking at what we had visualized four months prior. It was a pretty special moment and you realize this has to be our day. We went on to win the game 4-3 at 1 o'clock in the morning.

Tell us about this year's team. Are you going for four?

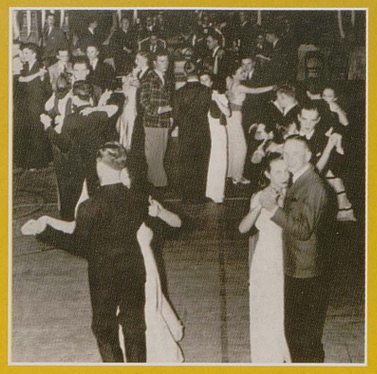
Always. We try to approach this year like all the others. Four championship titles in a row has never been done at the junior college level. We have a young team this year, but we're going to give it our best shot.

TJC APACHES™

The *Spirit* of Apacheland

On September 17,1926, TJC officially opened its doors in Tyler High School, with 93 students and nine faculty members. Nine students were in the first graduating class.

TJC gave residents of the Tyler area access to quality higher education, offering limited courses in traditional liberal arts and pragmatic courses in public school music and home economics.



Early on, the school established student activities, clubs and traditions that have become hallmarks of TJC spirit and pride.

In its first year, the school formed the drama club, Las Mascaras, the oldest continuous student organization, and approved campus activities, including football, men's and women's basketball and an outdoor recreation club.

In 1927, the College published its first campus newsletter, the Apache Pow Wow, and in 1930 chartered the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, one of the oldest national honor society chapters in the nation.

In the 1930s, as the country struggled through the Great Depression, TJC enrolled only 200 students. However, the prosperity of the 1940s signaled major changes. In 1945, Tyler voters overwhelmingly approved a measure to create a junior college district and issued $500,000 in bonds for the College to have a campus of its own. The expansion included additional full-time faculty members and would lead to new facilities, including the iconic building on Fifth Street, eventually known as Jenkins Hall. Its growth came at an appropriate time for local residents and for many veterans who returned to Tyler to seek new opportunities, realizing that those opportunities were linked to higher education.

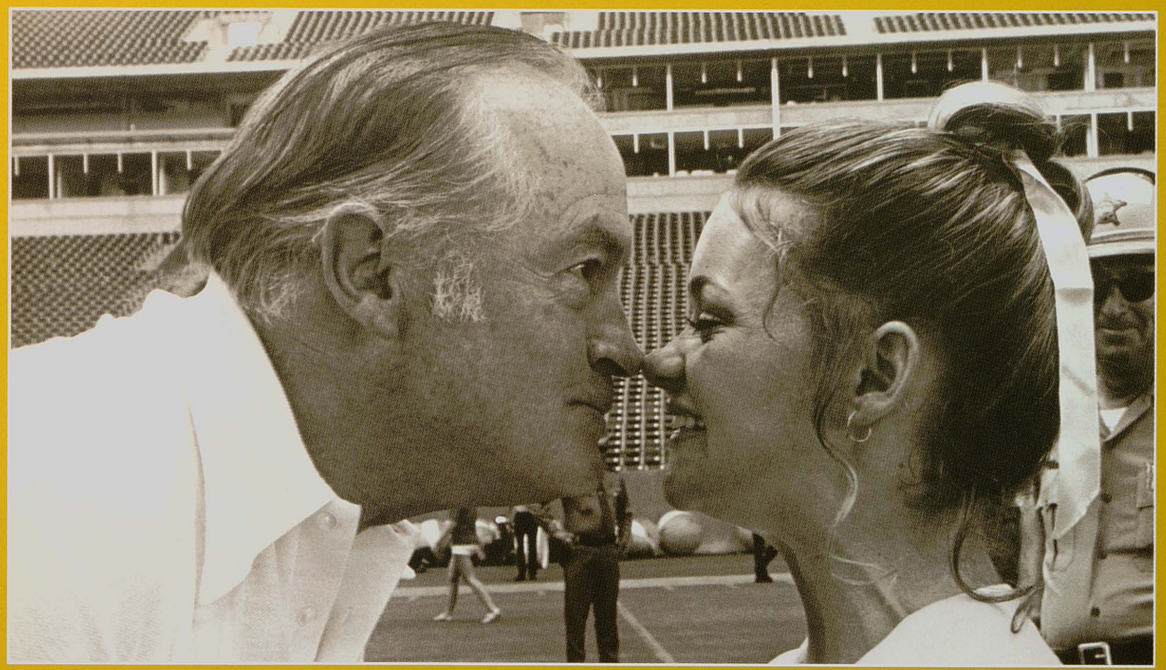
Activities and groups that define the College today took shape. In 1946, the TJC choir, originally called the Singing Apaches, began. A year later, both the Apache Belles and Apache Band were formed. The Rim March of the Belles and Band at home football games in Rose Stadium and the Drum Beat – initially a 24-hour vigil that eventually became a constant beat from Monday morning of Homecoming Week until kickoff of Saturday's football game – have been revered traditions since 1948.

Since its "rebirth" in the 1940s, TJC has continued to expand. The Tyler Junior College District is now composed of six independent school districts, including Chapel Hill, Grand Saline, Lindale, Tyler, Van and Winona.

Today, after 90 years, Tyler Junior College offers more courses in any single major division than were offered in the entire curriculum in 1926.

Just as the courses have diversified, so has the TJC student body. The College now has an enrollment of approximately 11,500 students each fall semester and provides continuing education to some 8,000 individuals each year.

And the spirit of Apacheland lives on.



Comedian Bob Hope and Apache Belle Jane King go nose-to-nose during a rehearsal at Texas Stadium in 1972.

Photo courtesy of Jane King

TIMELINE

Photo courtesy of the Smith County Historical Society.

1926

- January: Anonymous contributor to the Tyler Courier Times newspaper suggests the idea of a junior college
- February: Tyler Public School Board discusses the creation of junior college for Tyler area
- G.O. Clough named president; J.M. Hodges selected as dean
- September 17: TJC formally opens in Tyler High School with 93 students
- Drama club, Las Mascaras, founded

1927

- J. M. Hodges named College president; serves until 1946
- Apache Pow Wow, first College newspaper, published
- Unofficial Buccaneers football team become Apaches

1930

- TJC accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa chartered

1934

- Dr. Harry E. Jenkins hired as assistant superintendent and vice president

1945

- Election creating a separate junior college and bond election pass

1946

- Dr. Jenkins appointed TJC president, serving 35 years
- Coach Floyd Wagstaff hired
- First large influx of veterans from World War II
- TJC choir, the Singing Apaches, formed

1947

- Apache Belles (originally called Apache Roses) forms under direction of Mildred Stringer
- Apache Band begins under the direction of Doc Witt
- Board approves Associate in Arts degree

1948

- New campus opens for fall semester with 516 students
- Main campus building, later renamed Jenkins Hall, constructed
- Apache Guard forms and originates Drum Beat tradition
- Apache Belle and Band Rim Walk tradition begins

1949

- Apache basketball team wins national championship

1951

- Texas Eastern School of Nursing established
- Football team plays in Little Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California

1952

- Inauguration of vocational Industrial Arts program

1956

- Watson W. Wise Auditorium opens
- Ramey Tower added to Jenkins Hall

1959

- Lillie Mae Vaughn Hall and Center Hall (now Wesley House) completed

1962

- West Hall constructed
- Entire tract of city property on east side of Mahon purchased for campus expansion

1963
- Hudnall Planetarium opened
- Eva Saunders named Apache Belle director
- Gymnasium and Academic Building completed

1964
- Claridge Hall women's dormitory constructed

1965
- Tyler Junior College Foundation created

1966
- Main Hall renamed Jenkins Hall
- George W. Pirtle Technology Center opens

1967
- TJC and Junior League of Tyler partner to create an art museum on campus

1969
- Holley Hall was completed
- Vaughn Library opened

1970
- Gymnasium named for Floyd Wagstaff

1971
- Harmony and Understanding formed

1973
- Academic Building named for Edward M. Potter

1975
- Aleck Genecov Science and Arts Building opens

1977
- Bonna Bess Vaughn Conservatory opens
- Sledge Hall opens

1980
- Watson W. and Emma Wise Cultural Arts Center opens
- Jean Speller Browne Theatre opens in Wise Cultural Arts Center

1981
- Dr. Raymond Hawkins named president; serves until 1994

1982
- Hudnall Hall men's dorm opens

1990
- Regional Training and Development Complex dedicated

1993
- The White Administrative Services Center opens

1994
- Dr. William R. Crowe named president; serves until 2007

2007
- Dr. L. Michael Metke named president

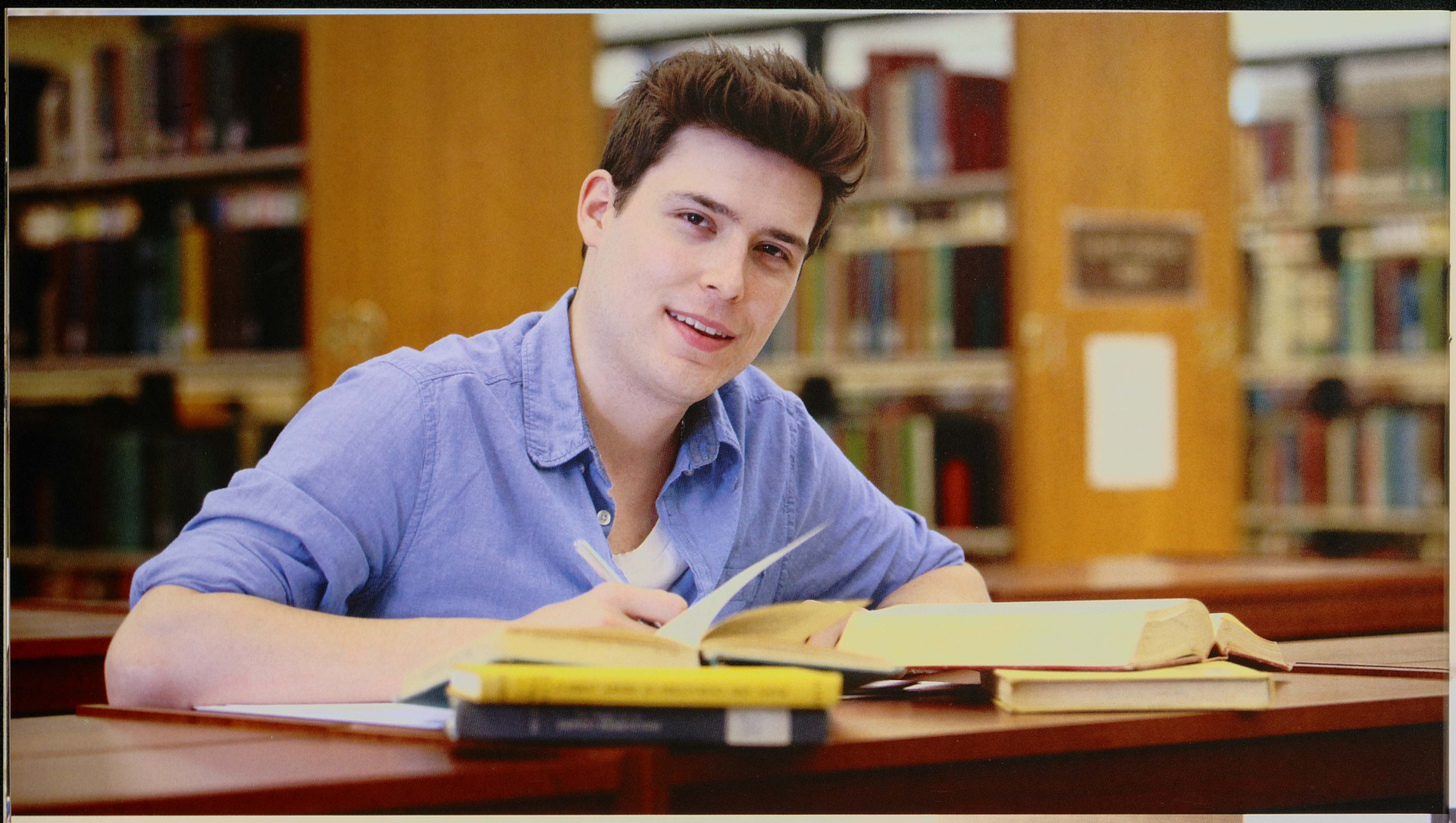
2008
- Ornelas Residential Complex opens

2011
- Hudnall Planetarium undergoes major expansion; renamed Center for Earth & Space Science Education

2015
- Robert M. Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences Center opens
- Crossroads Residential Hall opens
- Energy Center opens on West Campus

Student Enrollment Timeline

1926: 93
1938: 230
1948: 516
1981: 6,117
2015: 11,000



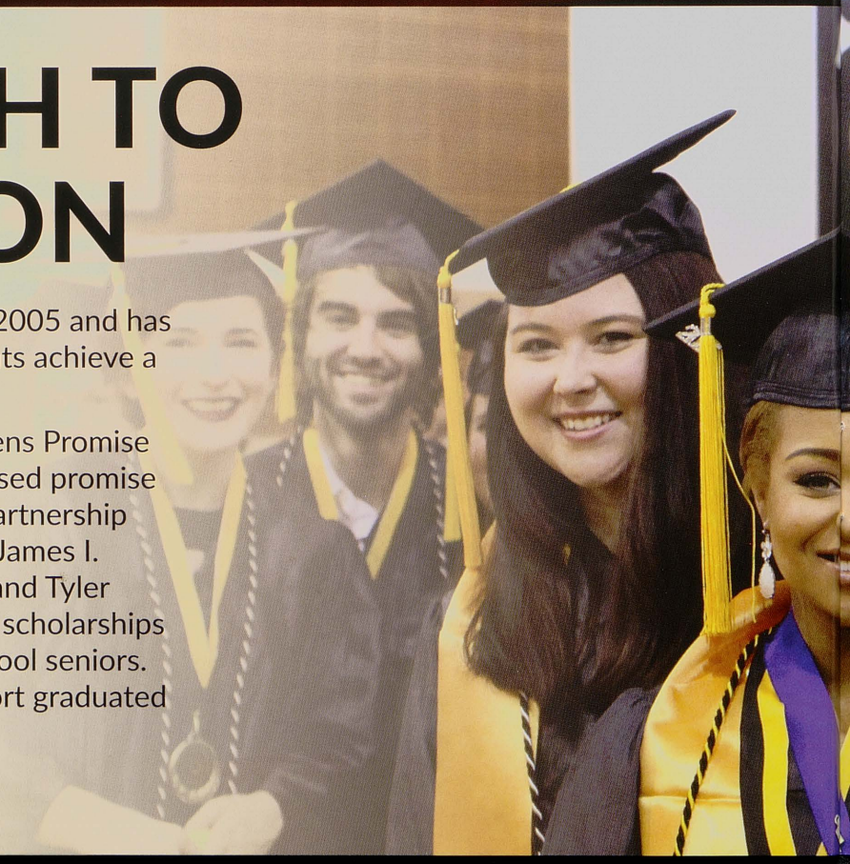
PROVIDING A PATH TO HIGHER EDUCATION

A bold, new scholarship initiative has been launched in honor of TJC's 90th anniversary: The TJC Promise.

Recognizing the need to build a college-going culture that will strengthen the workforce of the future, communities nationwide are creating opportunities for students who might not otherwise be able to attend college.

The pioneer of the "promise scholarship" movement – Michigan's Kalamazoo Promise – was launched in 2005 and has helped almost 5,000 students achieve a college education.

In 2014, the Rusk TJC Citizens Promise – Texas' first community-based promise program – was created in partnership with Citizens 1st Bank, the James I. Perkins Family Foundation and Tyler Junior College, offering TJC scholarships to qualifying Rusk High School seniors. The first Rusk Promise cohort graduated from TJC in May 2016.



The new TJC Promise will provide an earned scholarship to eligible high school students within the College's tax district. The program has been developed by leadership of TJC and surrounding school districts.

Beginning in 2020, qualifying graduates can receive up to two years of tuition and fees at TJC. Students earn the TJC Promise scholarship by meeting certain standards during their high school years based on academic achievement, persistence and community service. These scholarship standards will promote positive behaviors to ensure that students are on a path to success in high school, college and beyond.

To ensure the success of the new scholarship program, the College is embarking on the most ambitious fundraising effort in its 90-year history, the Campaign for the TJC Promise. The goal is to raise $20 million in private gifts to underwrite a dedicated endowment. An anonymous lead contributor has made an extraordinary $5 million commitment and challenges others to invest in the future of East Texas students.

Please consider giving to the TJC Promise and providing a path to higher education for generations of students.

For information on giving opportunities, please visit tjc.edu/promise.

TJC *Promise*

WHY I GIVE

"I grew up in a small, rural town in East Texas; and funding college was not an option for my family. Fortunately, I received a scholarship while attending TJC which put me on the path to realize my educational goals. I believe that the gift from Four Seasons Women's Health will open that same door for so many students. My business partners and I benefit from some of the best and brightest graduates of TJC, and they currently make up 80 percent of our workforce. We believe that our commitment to the TJC Promise is a broad investment that will impact generations of students, their families and our local businesses. I thank TJC and its leadership for their vision and encourage others to support the TJC Promise."

Dr. Sherilyn Willis
TJC Alumna and Donor

‘FORE’ THE FUTURE

TJC Foundation Golf Tournament raises more than $100,000 to support TJC scholarships

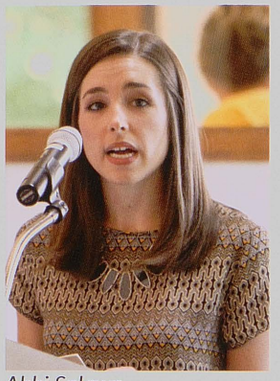
Abbi Splawn graduated from Tyler Junior College in 2009, but she remembers with perfect clarity the impact TJC scholarships made on her future.

Upon graduating from TJC, Splawn went on to the University of Louisiana Monroe and became a pharmacist. She now owns and operates Overton Pharmacy.

Splawn shared her story during the luncheon for the Azalea Orthopedics Scholarship Golf Tournament benefitting the TJC Foundation. In its 29th year, the foundation’s annual event was held Sept. 9 at Hollytree Country Club.

“I remember beginning my journey to become a pharmacist and feeling grateful for the opportunity I had been given,” she said. “The science classes that I took at TJC were some of the most challenging of my college career.

“TJC laid the foundation for my education and helped me set the pace for the rest of my college journey.”



Abbi Splawn

To this year’s scholarship recipients present, she said, “TJC will provide you with the steps, but it is up to you to take them.”

Scholarships were awarded to 64 deserving TJC students, thanks to the generosity of golfers and sponsors. The 2016 tournament set a record for sponsor participation.

For the fourth consecutive year, Azalea Orthopedics served as the title sponsor; and for the seventh year, the Louis & Peaches Owen Family Foundation served as luncheon sponsor.

TYLER COUPLE CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR TJC NURSING STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

LaVerne Gollob has fond memories of her late husband, Michael D. Gollob, and she shares his pride in having established opportunities for others.

Inside TJC's Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center, a skills lab has been named in his memory. The naming plate reads, "Generously gifted by LaVerne Gollob and family in memory and love of Michael D. Gollob."

The lab serves TJC students pursuing an associate degree in nursing.

Beginning in 2017, gifts from a Gollob family charitable trust will establish a scholarship for a student in the associate degree nursing program.

"Scholarships are something that Mike wanted to do," she said. "He wanted to set aside so much in his will for several entities and his church. He had a plan, so I knew he would be very proud of the TJC scholarship."

For more information on creating opportunities for TJC students, go to www.tjc.edu/giving.

For more on this story, go to www.apachemagazine.com

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As they arrived at Hollytree, tournament sponsors, golfers and guests were greeted by the rousing music of the Apache Band. The TJC Apache Belles served as greeters.

Corporate sponsors Delek Refining Ltd., HGR General Contractors, Express Personnel and Neighbors Emergency Center each contributed $5,000 for two-year scholarships, which were awarded to surprised and grateful recipients Garren Morris, Jacob Moore, Krescenda Bircher and Kelsi Pate during the luncheon.

The tournament advisory committee included: chair Claude Henry, Texas Bank & Trust; Gary Ables, Ables Land Inc.; Loren Bennett, Eiche Mapes & Company, Inc.; Lee Browning, SERVPRO of Tyler; Charles Hill, Oncor; Paul Latta, DDS; Brian McCabe, Southside Bank; Darin Newhouse, Henry & Peters, PC; Tom Seale, Citizens National Bank; Eleanor Stringer, community volunteer; Stan Surratt, superintendent, Lindale ISD; Brenda Thomas, Hibbs Hallmark & Company; and Bruce Thomson, American State Bank.

For more information including a complete list of sponsors, go to www.tjc.edu/golftournament.

TJC CULTURAL ARTS

For the last 90 years, our fine and performing arts programs have been somewhat of a hidden gem.

We're proud to bring them to the forefront with our new TJC Cultural Arts District.

Located in the heart of our main campus, the TJC Cultural Arts District features a variety of art and science programs across four venues, including:

- Wise Auditorium
- Jean Browne Theatre
- The Center for Earth & Space Science Education
- Tyler Museum of Art

If you've ever been to a concert or show on our campus, you already know that the depth of artistic talent among our faculty and students is astounding.

From our top-notch theatrical productions and performances by our outstanding music and dance departments to incredible works created by our art students, we have some of the finest entertainment anywhere in East Texas.

And our Center for Earth & Space Science Education never ceases to amaze and inspire a new generation of young explorers.

TJC is the College of East Texas, and we're proud to be a part of our community's vibrant arts and entertainment scene.

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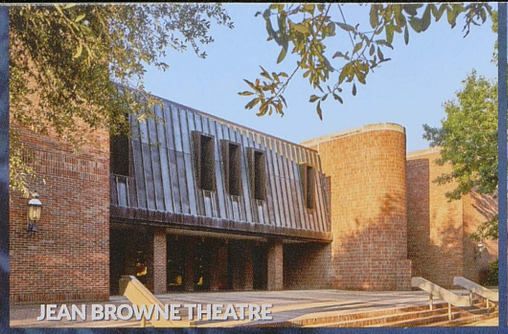
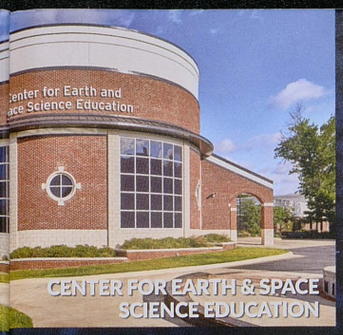
Cultural Arts District

WISE AUDITORIUM

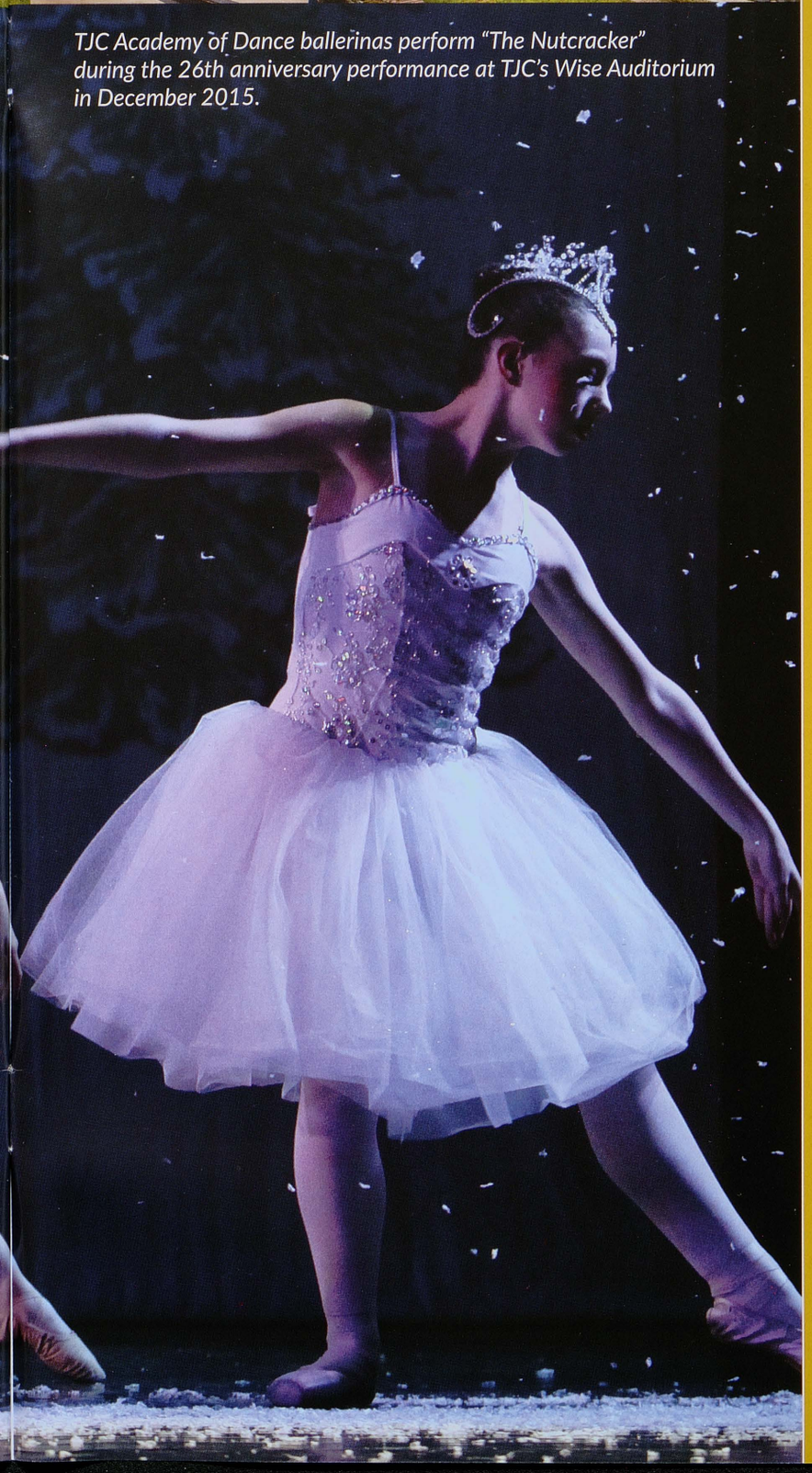

JEAN BROWNE THEATRE



CENTER FOR EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE EDUCATION

TYLER MUSEUM OF ART

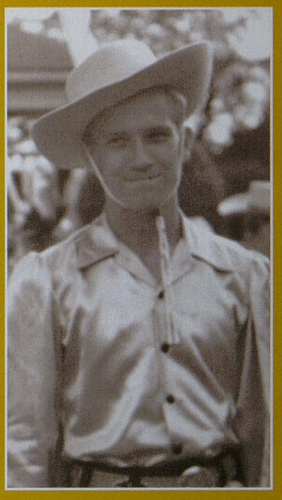
TJC Academy of Dance ballerinas perform "The Nutcracker" during the 26th anniversary performance at TJC's Wise Auditorium in December 2015.



"As we celebrate 90 years of TJC, I reflect on the impact this community treasure has made in the lives of thousands of students and on our community as a whole. TJC is more than just a place of higher learning. It opens the doors to possibilities never dreamed and instills a spirit of pride that never leaves, no matter where life may take you.

Because of TJC, I had a successful career as an exploration geologist. My wife, Rosemary, also attended TJC and graduated in 1965. Today, being able to give band scholarships to students 60 years after receiving my own scholarship as a member of the first TJC Apache Band is a very rewarding part of our lives."

Harold C. Beaird
TJC Class of 1949
Original member of the TJC Apache Band
Former member TJC Board of Trustees



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TJC CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Jan. 21
Rock and Roll at the Dome
TJC Science Center | 7 p.m.

Jan. 27
Great Performances Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 3
Studio 103: The Lesson
Fine Arts Building, Room 103 | 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Feb. 4
The Venue
Jean Browne Theatre | 9-11 p.m.

Star Party Saturday
TJC Science Center | 8 p.m.

Feb. 7
Tuesday Evening Performance Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 10
Great Performances Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

Feb. 17
Master Class Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

Feb. 18
Rock and Roll at the Dome
TJC Science Center | 7 p.m.

Feb. 23
Mary Poppins
Wise Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 24
Mary Poppins
Wise Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

Great Performances Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

Feb. 25
Mary Poppins
Wise Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 26
Mary Poppins
Wise Auditorium | 2 p.m.

MARCH

March 2
TJC Jazz Festival
Liberty Hall | 7:30 p.m.

March 3
Master Class Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

TJC Jazz Festival
Liberty Hall | 7:30 p.m.

March 4
Combined Choral Concert
First Presbyterian Church | 6 p.m.

Star Party Saturday
TJC Science Center | 8 p.m.

Student Recital Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

March 10
Student Recital Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

March 18
Rock and Roll at the Dome
TJC Science Center | 7 p.m.

March 24
Student Recital Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

March 25
ETSO Invitation to Dance
Cowan Center | 7:30 p.m.

March 30
Apache Belles Spring Show
Wise Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

March 31
Student Recital Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

Apache Belles Spring Show
Wise Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

APRIL

April 1
Apache Belles Spring Show
Wise Auditorium | 2 and 7:30 p.m.

TJC Arts Festival
Visit tjc.edu/artsfestival for event information.

The Venue
Jean Browne Theatre | 9-11 p.m.

Star Party Saturday
TJC Science Center | 8 p.m.

April 4
Tuesday Evening Performance Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 7:30 p.m.

April 5
Coffee House at the TMA, Guitar Ensemble
TMA Lobby | Noon

April 7
Student Recital Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

April 12
Coffee House at the TMA, Faculty Recital
TMA Lobby | Noon

April 15
Rock and Roll at the Dome
TJC Science Center | 7 p.m.

April 18
Percussion Ensembles and Symphonic Band
Wise Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

April 19
Coffee House at the TMA, Chamber Ensembles
TMA Lobby | Noon

April 21
Student Recital Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

April 22
Snow White
Wise Auditorium | 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

April 23
Snow White
Wise Auditorium | 2 p.m.

MAY

May 2
TJC Jazz Ensembles Spring Concert
Liberty Hall | 7:30 p.m.

May 5
Student Recital Series
Jean Browne Theatre | 1 p.m.

90th Anniversary Celebration Gala
Willow Brook Country Club | 6 p.m.

Student/Faculty Recital
Wise Auditorium | 7 p.m.

May 20
Rock and Roll at the Dome
TJC Science Center | 7 p.m.

JUNE

June 17
Rock and Roll at the Dome
TJC Science Center | 7 p.m.

JULY

July 15
Rock and Roll at the Dome
TJC Science Center | 7 p.m.

TMA (Tyler Museum of Art)

TJC Science Center (Center for Earth and Space Science Education)

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